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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/604,489

Applicant(s)

GLICKMAN, DAVID BRIAN

Examiner

Anita M. King

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 15-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/25/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

This is the first office action for application number 10/604,489, License Plate Bracket for Automotive Vehicle, filed on July 25, 2003.

***Ex Parte Quayle***

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

In paragraph 22, line 7 of the specification "is" should be deleted.

Claims 15-18 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. The claims do not further limit the method steps of claim 14 from which they directly depend. The subject matter in claims 15-18 is drawn to the structural limitations of the end module and not the method of manually attaching a license plate frame.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the primary reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter of the claims

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in this application are the limitations of at least one secondary retention structure which is adapted to axially engage and lock itself with the vehicular surface when the generally planar body of the license plate bracket is rotated into contact with the vehicular surface, included in independent claim 1, in combination with the other elements recited in the claim; a end module for an automotive vehicle, including a first exterior body panel, a second exterior body panel abuttingly engaged with the first exterior body panel, and a secondary retention structure adapted to extend through a port defined by the abutment of the first exterior body and the second exterior body panel, with the secondary retention structure locking itself upon at least on of the first and second exterior body panels, included in independent claim 8, in combination with the other elements recited in the claim; and a method for manually attaching a license plate frame without the use of tools, to an end module of an automotive vehicle, and inserting a plurality of secondary retention structures into passages formed at the intersection of adjacent panels comprising the end module, thereby locking the secondary retention structures to at least one of the adjacent panels, included in independent claim 14 and in combination with the other elements recited in the claim. These combinations of limitations are not found in the prior art of record.

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent 2,178,727 to Owens

U.S. Patent 3,379,402 to Trammell, Jr.

U.S. Patent 5,870,841 to Brody, II et al.

U.S. Patent 6,681,507 to Lieziert

U.S. Patent 6,729,053 to Castro

Japanese Patent JP356039938 to Torii et al.


Owens discloses a securing means for a license plate. Trammell, Jr. discloses a vehicle license plate holder. Brody, II et al. disclose a license plate holder provided with a flat backing plat to which a transparent cover is hinged thereto. Lieziert discloses a license plate mounting bracket for mounting a license plate to the vertical guide rollers on a winch. Castro discloses a bracket for mounting license plates to a vehicle having an air scoop in the bumper area. Torri et al. disclose a license plate holder.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anita M. King whose telephone number is (703) 308-2162. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leslie A. Braun can be reached on (703) 308-2156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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